

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A service managing system, comprising:

a portable table top terminal ~~configured to~~ that enables enable customers to view menus and to order a desired dish, ~~and being driven by a battery, and including a number~~ reading part;

a kitchen terminal that receives and indicates ~~configured to receive and indicate~~ a dish ordered from the portable table top terminal;

an accounting unit ~~configured to east~~ that manages accounts in response to customers' requests input into the portable table top terminal by the customer, and indicates ~~configured to indicate~~ calculated results;

a control unit that processes ~~configured to process~~ data between the portable table top terminal, the kitchen terminal, and the accounting unit, and

a terminal receptacle including an identification number, provided at at least one ~~[[a]]~~ customer location and, the terminal receptacle receives ~~configured to receive~~ the portable table top terminal thereon, and the number reading part reads the identification number when the portable table top terminal is placed onto the terminal receptacle, wherein

the portable table top terminal processes ~~is configured to process~~ a customer's order ~~ID number~~ on the basis of the identification number, and the control unit manages the occupancy of the at least one customer location based on the identification number, and

data are transmitted and received using radio communications between the portable table top terminal, the kitchen terminal, the accounting unit, and the control unit.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of claim 3, wherein information indicating cooked dishes is input on the kitchen terminal and is transmitted to the portable table top terminal for indication thereon.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3, further comprising:

a worktable terminal that indicates ~~configured to indicate~~ a table to be served in response to the information indicating ~~representing the cooked dishes~~ ~~a prepared meal~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 3 further comprising:

a guide display that indicates ~~configured to indicate~~ at least vacant tables.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of claim 6, wherein the guide display also indicates a route to a vacant table and usable time thereof.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of any one of Claims 3 to 7, wherein a personal handy phone system (PHS) is used to exchange data and enable verbal communications.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3, further comprising:

a head office terminal that transmits ~~configured to transmit~~ visual indications of new menus or commercials to the portable table top terminal.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of claim 3, wherein the portable table top terminal comprises:

a flat display panel.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 4 or 5, wherein the portable table top terminal and the kitchen terminal ~~are configured to~~ recognize an employee terminal operator name and a terminal identification number.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 4 or 5, wherein the portable table top terminal and the kitchen terminal ~~are configured to~~ input a terminal employee name and a terminal time of input.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3, wherein the portable table top terminal is ~~further configured to be~~ used at a counter as a counter top terminal.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 14, further comprising:

a counter top terminal receptacle provided on top of the counter at a location of a counter seat, having a counter top terminal receptacle identification number, and ~~configured to receive~~ receives the portable table top terminal thereon, and the portable table top terminal is ready for use when placed on the counter top terminal receptacle, wherein

the portable table top terminal reads ~~is configured to read~~ the counter top terminal receptacle identification number ~~of the counter top terminal receptacle~~ when placed on the counter top terminal receptacle, and further processes ~~is further configured to process~~ a customer's order on the basis of the counter top terminal receptacle identification number.

Claims 16-17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 15, wherein the table top terminal emits ~~is configured to emit~~ an alarm ~~if not when the table top terminal is not~~ placed on one of the counter top terminal receptacle and the table top terminal receptacle for a predetermined period of time.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of Claim 14, wherein electronic mails are exchanged between a plurality of table top terminals, between a plurality of counter top terminals, or between the table top terminal and the counter top terminal.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 3, further comprising:

an internet or a communications network connection that enables ~~configured to enable~~ customers to check an availability of a service item or a presence of vacant tables via an exterior customer terminal.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of Claim 14, wherein the table top terminal or the counter top terminal comprise a visual display.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3 further comprising:

a connection to a point of sale network (POS), ~~configured to transmit~~ that transmits sales data from a head office to update an existing menu.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 3, wherein the table top terminal displays ~~is configured to display~~ out-of-stock items.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 3, further comprising:

an order status device that indicates ~~configured to indicate~~ when ordered items are not available to the portable table top terminal, the kitchen terminal, or an external terminal.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3, wherein the kitchen terminal, in response to an order placed by the portable table top terminal, inputs ~~is configured to input~~ a product-ready indication and transmits ~~to transmit~~ said product ready indication to the table top terminal, and

the portable table top terminal inputs ~~is configured to input~~ an order-received indication and transmits ~~transmit~~ the order-received indication to the kitchen terminal.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the portable table top terminal and the counter top terminal indicates ~~is configured to indicate~~ material information selected from the group consisting of producing districts, suppliers, products obtained without using pesticides, or products obtained through organic culture.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3 further comprising:

an image input unit that creates ~~capable of creating~~ a menu.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 9, further comprising:

an analysis unit that collects ~~configured to collect~~ data concerning a number of people observing a commercial, a time of commercial viewing, and a number of commercials viewed.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 14, further comprising:

a communications device ~~configured to~~ that verbally repeats ~~repeating~~ contents of orders input via the portable table top terminal or the counter top terminal.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 14 wherein at least one of the portable table top terminal and the counter top terminal ~~is configured to~~ specify specifies a time for service to prolong a time of service, or terminate an order.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of claim 3, wherein a plurality of portable table top terminals ~~are configured to~~ display a bill common to a group seated at a plurality of tables.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The service managing system of Claim 3, wherein working statuses of employees are continuously monitored and a work command is preferentially issued to idle employees.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The service managing system of Claim 14, wherein the portable table top terminal or the counter top terminal ~~is configured to display~~ displays a sum of ordered items on real time basis.

Claim 34-36 (Cancelled).

Claim 37 (New): The service managing system of Claim 3, wherein the portable table top terminal is put into operation mode for ordering, as soon as the portable table top terminal is received by the terminal receptacle.

Claim 38 (New): The service managing system of Claim 3, wherein the identification number identifies a table.